

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8 are pending. No new matter has been added by way of the present Amendment. For instance, new claim 8 has been added as supported by originally filed claims 7 and 1. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.


Favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact Craig A. McRobbie, Registration No 42,874 at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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